Gas Victims. The expenditure on this action plan will be shared between the Central Government and the Government of Madhya Pradesh in the ratio of 75 : 25. A sum of Rs. 30.56 crores has been released as share of the Central Government. The plan includes Economic, Social, Environmental and Medical Rehabilitation Programmes.

Prices of tyres and tubes

*80. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permitted the tyre companies to raise the prices of tyres and tubes; and

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir. There is no statutory Control over the prices of tyres and tubes.

(b) Does not arise.

Super Bazar

115. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Super Bazar, Delhi has completed 25 years of its existence;

(b) whether the Super Bazar has been successful in providing essential commodities to common man at reasonable prices and in time, if so, the extent thereof;

(c) how far Super Bazar has been able to maintain continuous supply of essential commodities and check rise in their prices;

(d) what has been its working results during the last three years; and

(e) what are the future plans of Government to improve its working?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Super Bazar endeavours to procure and provide essential commodities to its customers at reasonable prices commensurate with quality. Super Bazar has been making all out efforts to maintain the supply line of items of daily need as far as possible. Even in cases of an item being out of supply in open markets, Super Bazar always makes efforts that the item is atleast made available through its outlets at reasonable price Super Bazar has been able to check the abnormal rise in prices of essential commodities. However, sometime one or other item may not be available at one outlet or the other due to various reasons such as short supply, non-availability of items with source of procurement i.e. manufacturers/distributors, or the quality available is not approved by the testing laboratory or for certain unavoidable administrative reasons.

(d) Working results of the Super Bazar from 1986-87 to 1989-90 are as under:—

Rs in lakhs

	1986—87	1987—89	1989—90
		July, 87 to March, 89	
1. Sales turnover	6977.18	15898.02	9919.30
2. Gross profit	454.22	964.37	722.20
3. Net profit	+65.56	+ 93.97	+53.39

The sales turnover of Super Bazar during 1990-91 was 9925.24 lakhs (provisional). The final results for 1990-91 will be known after the completion of audit.

(e) To improve the working of Super Bazar, financial assistance is being provided through plan schemes for modernisation, renovation, computerisations and automation in field of packing of groceries, grinding of spices and maintenance of accounts etc.

Research on malaria by Central Drug Research Institute

116. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow has entered into an agreement with U.S. National Institute of Health (N.I.H.) for a three years research project on malaria; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the agreement, Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow and National Institute of Health (N.I.H.) shall jointly work on the project on "Role of interferons/ lymphokines in protection against malaria in rhesus monkey". The work involves study on the prophylactic efficacy of lymphokines and immunomodulators in providing protection against malaria. The project does not involve field studies or clinical studies on human beings. The project is being supported with a grant of Rs. 82.44 lakh from the U.S. held Rupee fund in India and is for a period of 3 years. The project has been cleared by the Ministry of External Affairs.

Export target of Defence Department

117. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 167 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the reasons for the gap between export target and achievements of the Defence Department and the steps proposed by Government to fill up the gap;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to appoint agents for export of defence equipments; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Exports by Defence Production Units in 1990-91 were lower than the target mainly as a result of disruptions in the Middle East market during that year. The target for 1991-92 has been enhanced.

(b) and (c) Defence exports are undertaken by the respective production agencies who utilise the services of agents for export of specific products depending on the marketing needs in the target countries.

Utilisation of Rozgar Funds

118. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the monitoring machinery available with Government to ensure proper utilisation of Rozgar funds disbursed to various Panchayats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): In addition to normal checks and safeguards in vogue in the Panchayat Codes and Audit through Examiner of Local Funds and Accountant General.

—The physical and financial progress is monitored through Monthly,